Mr. K. T. Mathew.—It does not involve so heavy an expenditure, and something may be done.

President.—It shall be looked into.

Conferring financial and executive powers upon the Kunnamkulam Town Improvement Committee.

153. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—With reference to the answer given to question No. 116 (legislative session), will the Government be pleased to state whether the Government has come to any decision in the matter of conferring upon the Town Improvement Committee, some financial and executive powers and of introducing the principle of election for the selection of non-official members of the Committee, and if the answer is in the negative, the probable date of coming to a decision?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The Government have not yet come to a decision in the matter. No probable date can be now fixed. The matter will be disposed of as early as practicable.

Proposals of the Town Improvement Committee, Kunnamkulam.

154. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement containing the suggestions made yearly by the Town Improvement Committee, Kunnamkulam, for the improvement of the town from the date of its organisation; their suggestions carried out by the Government; the time when the other suggestions will be carried out and the reasons, if any, if their suggestions will not be carried out?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—A statement containing the information required is appended. (*Vide Appendix III.*) It is not possible to say definitely when all the suggestions will be carried out. It will all depend upon the funds at the disposal of the Government.

The want of a tank in Kunnamkulam Town for the use of cattle.

155. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Government or the Superintendent of Agriculture has not received any petition or representation from the people of Kunnamkulam as well as from the Town Improvement Committee, Kunnamkulam, informing that there is no tank in Kunnamkulam Town for the use (bathing) of cattle, and that the absence of such a tank is causing great hardship, and whether any arrangement has been made for removing the hardship, and if no arrangement has been made, whether a tank will soon be provided or reserved for this purpose?

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Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Yes. No arrangement has been made for providing or reserving a tank for the use of cattle. The matter is being considered.

Road from the southern portion of the South Bazaar Road at Kunnamkulam.

156. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is not necessary to have a lane or road (on the west side) running almost parallel to the southern portion of the South Bazaar road beginning from the Y. W. C. A. compound for affording an easy way of escape for women and children when fire breaks out in the bazaar;

(b) the number of times fire broke in South Bazaar in the course of the last 9 months;

(c) whether the Government has not received complaints regarding frequent out-breaks of fire in Kunnamkulam, and whether it is not therefore necessary to take all possible precautions to safe guard human beings from being burnt to death ;

(d) whether the proposed road or lane will not be useful for removing night soil without making use of the main bazaar road;

(e) whether the Government is not aware of the fact that roads or lanes have been improved and opened on either side of all the main bazaar roads in the town, except in the case of the southern portion of the South Bazaar road, and that the extension of roads or lanes to this portion of the bazaar also, as in other parts, will be very useful;

(f) whether the opening of this road or lane which is necessary for the safety of the lives of women and children will receive the earliest attention of the Government, and whether the small sum which will be enough for this purpose will not be provided in the budget for the following year?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) Yes.

(b) Twice.

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes.

(e) The improvements referred to are being made part by part. They will be useful.

(f) The question of providing for the work will be considered next year in distributing the allotment available.

Lighting charges for the Kunnamkulam Town.

157. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

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